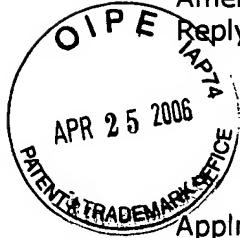


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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated January 17, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.
- Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.
- Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page _____ of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet(s).
- Amendments to the Abstract** are on page _____ of this paper. A clean version of the Abstract is on page _____ of this paper.
- Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.